



Ranger-Led Cherry Blossom Talks

Set against the dramatic backdrop of thousands of flowering cherry trees, National Park Service rangers will conduct walking tours along Washington, D.C.'s Tidal Basin.

Cherry blossom viewing is a Japanese tradition that dates back to the 16th century. Today, that tradition lives on by inspiring celebration and quiet reflection among the thousands who come to the Nation's capital annually to enjoy this gorgeous floral display.

Join a park ranger for a leisurely stroll while learning about these magnificent trees and the symbolism and cultural significance of this city's National Cherry Blossom Festival.

WHEN: (Daily) March 19 - April 15, 2005

WHERE: Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in front of the bookstore.

TIMES: 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.,
4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

DURATION: Length of program time and trip distance will vary. Two options will be offered each time slot.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.nps.gov/nacc/cherry or call 202.619.7222 or 202.426.6841.

The NPS encourages visitors to the Tidal Basin to use the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO). The Smithsonian Station, on the Orange and Blue lines, is the closest station to the festivities. The Smithsonian Station is located at 12th St. & Jefferson Drive, SW. Walk or ride along Jefferson Drive to 15th Street and turn left onto 15th Street, and proceed to the Jefferson Memorial.

Please, leave the blossoms for others to enjoy.